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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, LE, UN
SUBJECT: LEBANESE LETTER ON UNIFIL

REF: STATE 225272

UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT'S IRRITATION AT LEBANESE
SENDING LETTER IN QUESTION TO SC PRESIDENT WITHOUT
PRIOR CONSULTATION, BUT IN THEIR DEFENSE WOULD LIKE
TO NOTE FOLLOWING:

(A) BOTH BOUTROS AND TUEINI MENTIONED TO ME ON
THE WEEKEND THAT LEBANESE WERE GOING TO SEND SUCH A
LETTER. THEY DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS, HOWEVER, AND
BEING PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF LOCAL CRISIS
I DID NOT PROBE.

(B) BELIEVE TUEINI LETTER REPRESENTS DISTILLA-
TION OF DEBATE WITHIN GOL AS TO WHAT TO DO ABOUT
UNIFIL. TUEINI HAS BEEN CONTENDING THAT THEY
SHOULD STOP ARGUING OVER DETAILS AND CONCENTRATE

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ON DEFINING UNIFIL MISSION AND WHAT IT CAN DO TO HELP
LEBANESE RESTORE SOVEREIGNTY TO AREA IN QUESTION.
THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE A LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVE,
ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY RAISING THIS ISSUE IN THIS
WAY AT THIS TIME IS PROBABLY UNHELPFUL. AS I
HAVE SAID BEFORE, HOWEVER, A DROWNING MAN DOES NOT
CARE ABOUT ONE MORE BUCKET OF WATER.

(C) LAST TIME LEBANESE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH
US THEY CAME OUT OF IT WITH EGG ON THEIR FACE AT
KAWKABA. ADMITTEDLY THIS WAS NOT ENTIRELY OUR
FAULT, BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT
THEY HAD ANTICIPATED. WE ACQUIRED A GOOD DEAL OF
MISTRUST THROUGH THAT EXERCISE AND WE MUST EXPECT
THAT THE LEBANESE WILL BE LESS WILLING TO CONFIDE
IN US THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.
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